(c) whether Government have investigated into the case and if so, what are the findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Facts have been ascertained from the Swimming Federation of India through the Indian Olympic Association who have stated that Miss Anita Sud was not selected for inclusion in Indian team which participated in X Asiad at Seoul because she was not able to fulfil the performance criteria of selection laid down by the Indian Olympic Association.

Harassment of sportwomen

190. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAUN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in India Today's issue dated the 30th September, 1986 about sexual harassment, discrimination and ad-hocism towards sportwomen who are expected to please the coaches and selectors for berths on teams for important sports events;

(b) whether any inquiry has been made in this matter; and

(c) if so, what are the findings thereof and what are the measures taken by Government to prevent repetition thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) The report in question has come to the notice of the Government. Every possible encouragement is given by Government to our sports-women, For instance, Anita Sood, Rajbir Kaur and Asha Aggarwal mentioned in the report have been honoured by conferring Arjuna Awards on them Bula Chowdhury also referred to in the report was sent to Australia for special training. Vandana Rao a long-with P. T. Usha, Shiny Abraham and M. D. Valsamma are given special facilities even when they are not participating in the coaching camps where they enjoy normal facilities alongwith other campers. The contribution of sports women to Indian sports, as evidenced in the X Asiad at Seoul is outstanding. There is certainly no harassment, discrimination or ad-hocism with regard to them by Government which provides them all encouragement. However, participation of very weak teams in high level competitions is not encouraged and so the National women's waterpolo team was not allowed to participate in World Waterpolo championship held in Madrid in August 1986 on this account. Anita Sood was not selected by Swimming Federation of India to participate in the X Asian Games as she did not qualify for selection according to criteria prescribed by Indian Olympic Association. As to other references made in the question relating to the National Sports Federations with regard to selection, etc. the matter is being looked into.

Utilisation of Air bus by Air India

191. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the utilisation of older Air-bus planes, deployed on Gulf routes by 'Air India', is 8400 hours an year which is lower than the utilisation level of Indian Airlines with respect to similar aircraft;

(b) whether it is a fact that the utilisation of the newly acquired Air bus-310 planes is also very low;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether before purchasing these Air-buses any planning was made; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. The average annual utilisation of the three Air India A300 B4 (Airbus) aircraft in 1985-86 and 1986-87 is approximately 9364 hours (3121 hours per aircraft). The average annual utilisation of Indian Airlines' Airbus A 300 aircraft was about 2700 hours per aircraft during 1985-86 and is expected to be about 2900 hours during 1986-87.

(b) and (c) The actual utilisation of Airbus A310 aircraft for the period April-November, 1986 has been 6.81 revenue hours per aircraft per day as against the budgetted utilisation of 6.17 revenue hours per aircraft per day. This aircraft was inducted in the fleet gradually from April, 1986 onwards and as on date Air India have five aircraft of this type.

(d) and (e) The pattern of operations in the A310 Project Report contemplated development of this aircraft on the India-UK, Indian-Japan, India-Gulf and India-Africa routes. However, plans were reviewed subsequently and it is now proposed to provide the contemplated additional capacity on the India-UK route with Boeing 747 aircraft and to continue Boeing 747 operations on the India-Japan route. However, 2/3 frequencies are planned upto Hong Kong with the A310s in future. The deployment of A310 on the short sectors of the India-Gulf route has been increased.

Policy guidelines about vocational education programme

192. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the overall policy guidelines for the States and Union Territories about the Vocational Education Programme;

(b) whether the students who were enrolled in vocational courses come under the purview of the Prospective Apprentices Act; and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action Government contemplate to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The overall policy guidelines on vocationalisation are contained in the National Policy on Education, 1986 approved by the Sabha on 13-5-1986.

(b) and (c) The Apprenticeship Act, 1961 has been amended in 1986 to create a separate category of Apprentices for providing apprenticeship training to the students of Vocational Stream in Schools.

Money order in Multiples of a Rupee

193. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued orders to accept the money orders only in multiples of a Rupee and not in any fraction thereof;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware the excess payment is not accepted in many institutions thus it has created problems for lakhs of people;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to examine the problems and change the decision immediately;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the postal Department accepts the money order commission in fraction of a rupee; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor when it does not accept fraction of rupee from people?